



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending November 22, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 22, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 60 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 42.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 59.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 66.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 76.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Wet weather conditions continued throughout the state, with the highest rain concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 4.21 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 22, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	99	99	100	100
Sugarcane, harvested	57	50	58	61
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	93	86	98	99
Winter Wheat, planted	34	15	86	90
Winter Wheat, emerged	16	10	72	69

Crop condition for week ending November 22, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	2	10	46	38	4
Pasture	4	27	43	24	2
Sugarcane	3	10	37	42	8
Vegetables	5	24	46	24	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Second crop rice harvest is almost done. Very good yields across the parish. Conditions still wet. Ryegrass looks good in some areas and sparse in others. Beef producers starting to hay cattle.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Ratoon crop rice harvest is complete with good yields reported. Some reseeding of ryegrass pastures has and will be conducted. Ranchers have begun to hay cattle. Sugarcane harvest has been difficult with muddy conditions.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Sugarcane farmers continue to deal with wet and muddy conditions as the harvest continues. Near freezing conditions forecast for Sunday and Monday are also of concern as this crop will have a difficult time to remain an average crop if weather conditions do not improve for the later portion of grinding. Dry conditions followed wet weather has also set back winter pastures, with some cattlemen having to replant.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rain and wet conditions continue to impact the sugar harvest. Tonnage and sugar levels are trailing behind last year's averages. The sugar harvest is about 50% complete and wet conditions are increasing harvest expenses. Poorly drained plant cane fields may have some stand losses heading into next season. A light frost this weekend will help improve citrus quality. The pecan harvest is extremely poor.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane harvest continues. Sweet citrus continues to be harvested. Vegetables are being harvested. Crawfish ponds beginning to be harvested.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 22, 2015										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	69.3	45.1	57.2	53.8	3.4	2.78	2	1.51	12.45	7.52
Mooringsport	66.7	46.3	56.5	54.3	2.2	4.09	3	3.01	10.41	6.06
Red River	71.8	49.4	60.6	55.1	5.2	2.72	2	1.97	11.04	6.87
Shreveport	68.0	44.1	56.1	53.9	2.2	3.31	2	2.28	11.60	6.83
Extreme/Average	69.0	46.2	57.6	54.3	3.2	3.23	3	2.19	11.38	6.82
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	70.1	42.1	56.1	53.4	2.8	2.62	2	1.42	13.02	8.26
Farmerville	71.2	50.8	61.0	53.5	7.3	2.41	2	1.35	12.62	8.21
Homer	67.0	43.0	55.0	52.6	2.3	NA	NA	NA	3.79	1.30
Extreme/Average	69.4	45.3	57.4	53.2	4.1	2.52	2	1.39	9.81	5.92
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	69.4	48.1	58.8	54.2	4.6	5.20	1	4.28	13.22	11.66
St Joseph	75.0	51.6	63.3	56.7	6.3	3.19	1	2.20	18.79	14.99
Tallulah	76.2	51.5	63.8	55.3	8.5	4.25	1	3.14	14.52	10.33
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	55.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.87	5.38
Extreme/Average	73.5	50.4	62.0	55.5	6.5	4.21	1	3.21	13.10	10.59
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	54.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	72.0	52.0	62.0	57.1	4.5	NA	NA	NA	15.51	10.47
Leesville	71.9	46.9	59.4	56.1	3.3	2.09	4	0.74	19.79	14.55
Natchitoches	69.6	47.0	58.3	56.3	2.0	2.35	3	1.18	13.21	8.67
Extreme/Average	71.2	48.6	59.9	56.1	3.2	2.22	4	0.96	16.17	11.23
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	74.3	49.3	61.8	57.3	4.5	2.47	3	1.02	15.83	10.21
Bunkie	72.7	48.3	60.5	57.8	2.7	3.40	1	2.29	15.23	10.11
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	59.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	73.4	50.1	61.8	57.0	4.8	3.05	2	1.62	15.85	10.67
New Roads	75.0	52.8	63.9	59.3	4.1	NA	NA	NA	10.18	6.59
Extreme/Average	73.8	50.1	62.0	58.3	4.0	2.97	3	1.64	14.27	9.39
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.13	2	3.10	16.55	12.37
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	58.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.05	4	NA	18.89	NA
Slidell	72.3	52.3	62.3	NA	NA	3.09	3	NA	11.43	NA
Extreme/Average	72.3	52.3	62.3	58.1	NA	4.09	4	3.10	15.62	12.37
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	75.6	54.4	65.0	59.2	5.5	1.78	2	1.02	13.53	9.22
DeRidder	70.4	48.0	59.2	57.9	1.3	2.14	4	0.75	20.30	15.35
Jennings	73.1	52.4	62.8	59.7	3.1	2.72	4	1.61	14.04	9.24
Oberlin Fire	72.1	49.6	60.9	58.5	2.3	2.55	2	1.36	11.85	6.88
Extreme/Average	72.8	51.1	62.0	58.8	3.1	2.30	4	1.19	14.93	10.17
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	73.4	51.0	62.2	59.6	2.6	3.09	2	2.11	15.82	11.90
Jeanerette	73.6	51.7	62.6	60.2	2.5	2.96	3	2.13	17.63	13.86
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	59.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	75.3	58.7	67.0	61.3	5.2	NA	NA	NA	14.40	11.33
Extreme/Average	74.1	53.8	63.9	60.1	3.4	3.02	3	2.12	15.95	12.36
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	75.1	54.4	64.8	61.8	3.0	1.57	3	0.78	12.02	8.97
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.90	2	2.90	18.97	14.98
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	76.5	59.3	67.9	NA	NA	2.23	3	NA	11.42	NA
Extreme/Average	75.8	56.8	66.4	61.8	3.0	2.57	3	1.84	14.14	11.98
<b>State</b>	72.6	50.6	61.6	57.5	3.4	2.95	3	1.88	13.87	9.98

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.  
NA = Not Available.